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A color image forming apparatus is provided with ~~has~~ a semiconductor laser array 1 of which laser beam emitting points ~~1-1 ~ 1-12~~ are arranged with m ($m \geq 2$) points in the row direction thereof and n points in the line direction thereof ~~as the same~~ corresponding to the number of the photosensitive drums 9; a beam splitting means ~~4~~ unit which splits the respective laser beams for every ~~lines~~ line on the semiconductor laser array 1 so that m laser beams emitted from one of the rows on the semiconductor laser array 1 scan ~~a~~ the same photosensitive drum 9 ~~among~~ ~~thereof~~; and a beam deflection means ~~6~~ unit which deflects in common n laser beams for every ~~lines~~ line emitted from the semiconductor laser array 1 and irradiates the same onto the respective photosensitive drums 9, ~~wherein, the~~. The arrangement direction of m beam spots irradiated onto one of the photosensitive drums 9 is inclined by an angle α_2 with respect to the main scanning direction, thereby. Thereby, through the common use of the scan optical system for the plurality of laser beams the size and the cost of the apparatus are reduced.